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11. (U) Embassy contacts in Korea's NGO community were unaware of the UN Human Rights Council's new Universal Periodic Review special mechanism, and, consequently, did not submit input to the review. As noted in reftel, the deadline for Korean NGOs to participate has passed.